

FOOD SYSTEMS SOLUTIONS DIALOGUES

Fostering Synergies Between Climate Action and Implementation of Food Systems

National Pathways Towards COP28

Wednesday 13 September 2023

Session I – 8:00 – 9:30 AM CEST | Session II – 16:00 – 17:30 CEST

Background

At the United Nations Food Systems Summit Stocktaking Moment (UNFSS+2), 24-26 July 2023, the United Nations Food Systems Coordination Hub (The Hub) and the COP28 Presidency recalled their strategic partnership aimed at elevating the role of food systems as a catalyst for achieving the SDGs and the targets of the Paris Agreement. A central aspect of this strategic partnership is to secure the commitment of Heads of State and Governments attending COP28 to implement these actions by facilitating the signing of the first-ever **Leaders Declaration on the food systems and climate nexus**. This Declaration will serve as a landmark commitment, consolidating global ambition and firmly establishing food systems as a prominent item on the climate agenda and within the COP process for years to come.

Purpose of the Dialogue

This Dialogue aims to: 1) Inform National Convenors and other government representatives on the latest progress of the **COP28 Food Systems and Agriculture Agenda** including presenting a draft of the “Leaders Declaration”; and 2) solicit ideas from the participants on how synergies between climate action and food systems transformation can be strengthened and reflected in the “Leaders Declaration”.

Agenda

Duration	Item
5 min	Opening remarks: H.E. Mariam Almheiri , UAE Minister of Climate Change and Environment (video message)
20 min	Setting the Scene: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristofer Hamel, Director, Food Systems, COP28 • Stefanos Fotiou, Director, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub
40 min	Discussion: Moderator: Stefanos Fotiou , Director, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How to develop synergy between food system transformation and climate action, i.e. how to link the transformation pathways to NDCs and NAPs? 2. What are the main recommendations for the “Leaders Declaration on Food Systems, Agriculture and Climate Action” draft?
20 min	Reflections from the Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zitouni Ould-Dada, Deputy Director Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment (FAO) • David Nabarro, Strategic Director, 4SD
5 min	Wrap-up and next steps: Stefanos Fotiou , Director, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub